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LIFE AMONG EVER-GLADES OF FLORIDA

EARL DUTTON TELLS OF FIRST FEW DAYS IN SOUTHLAND

Earl Dutton who, with Ted Wilkes arrived in Florida December 19th, in a letter to his father Elmos Dutton of this city, gives an interesting account of his first few days impressions and experiences. It reads as follows:

Crystal River, Fla., Dec. 21, 1925
Dear Father and All:

We are located at Crystal River and are working in a hotel at Momo-sassa, seven miles from here but have pavement all the way and it only takes a few minutes to drive it. We started in at \$1.00 per hour with a chance of a raise. It has been quite rainy since we have been here altho it is warm. I am bare headed and perspiring, so you can see that the atmosphere is quite different from Northern Michigan. The kids about the streets are shooting fireworks to celebrate Christmas; you would think it was the 4th of July. It surely seems funny for me.

We got here last Saturday noon and went to work Tuesday noon. We had some drive thru the mountains of Kentucky and Tennessee. Todd (Wilkes) finished three fenders of his car; he hit everything he saw. He sure is clumsy with a car.

I got up one morning and took a boat before breakfast and went out on the river and I will bet I saw a truck load of fish and there was an alligator about four feet long, lying out in the sun next to the bank, but when he saw me he sure made things fly getting into the river, and he made straight for the weed bed and out of sight. We ran over a snake in the read that was about as big around as my arm at the shoulder. They call it a gopher snake. It was about five feet long.

I also saw the skin of a diamond-back rattler that a fellow here had just killed. The skin was six feet long and twelve inches wide, and the rattlers were about as big around as my finger and about as long. It had 11 pairs.

They say there aren't many snakes here but when you do see one it is a real snake. The gopher snake that we ran over they say are a harmless kind.

The first Sunday we were here we met Doll Emory and her father (Wm. Emory of Roscommon) and we all got in Doll's car and drove to Tampa. We went thru large orange groves and grapefruit and tangerine groves,

cotton fields and peanut plantations and then we crossed the famous bridge on Tampa Bay, going to St. Petersburg. It is four and a half miles long and is a beautiful sight. I saw a whole school of porpoises and they roll up on top of the water and look as big as a horse. We drove thru one place where it was all peach trees as far as the eye could reach.

The country around here where we are is ninety per cent wild—a great deal like Northern Michigan, only is lower and water land does not look as good as Michigan. The pine looks a lot like our Norway and they top it for pertinacity. There are lots of palm trees and water oak. The camp grounds where we are camped are covered with water oak trees, and I will send you a picture of it.

I sent Maryland (this son) a box of grapefruit and oranges today. The fruit cost 40 cents but it cost \$1.95 to send it, so it isn't any saving to buy fruit here and send it home, and besides it may be frozen when it gets there.

This is all the news for this time. Will write you again soon.

Good bye, love to all.
Your son,
Earl (Dutton.)

FRANCES CORWIN WINS DOLL CONTEST

MUCH INTEREST SHOWN, RESULT DECIDED LAST HOUR

Much enthusiasm was manifest in the recent doll contest held at the May & Gidley store from November 28th to Christmas Eve at 10 o'clock, when a number of Grayling's younger generation of girls up to 13 years of age were contestants.

Miss Francis Jane Corwin, daughter of Mr. and Mr. Charles Corwin entered the race early and worked unceasingly for first place which she won by a close margin. Miss Audrey Brado, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Brado followed a close second. Christmas morning the prizes were awarded to the fifteen little girls who were most happy upon receiving one of the dolls, all of which were beauties. Following are the winners:

1st, Francis Corwin.
2nd, Audrey Brado.
3rd, Helen McLeod.
4th, Marie Buck.
5th, Tillie Collen.
6th, Josephine Robarge.
7th, Joyce Smith.
8th, Betty DePrain.
9th, Ruth St. Pierre.
10th, Margaret Kesseler.
11th, Vivian Dawson.
12th, Iris Wirtzman.
13th, Yvonne La Grow.
14th, Lena Gierke.
15th, Beverly Schnible.

"The Mollusc," a Remarkable Play

Popular Three-Act Comedy to Be Given Here on Interstate Lyceum Course—Professional Cast.



Scenes From
"The Mollusc"

"The Mollusc" which is to be presented here on the local Lyceum, is a remarkable play. It is a three-act comedy of English domestic life.

Mr. Hubert Henry Davies, the author, went to the animal kingdom to get a name for his comedy, and a definition of the besetting weakness of the principal character in it. Mrs. Baxter, in the mollusc he found an animal of kindly nature, hence "The Mollusc," which sets forth in comic situations that the indulgence of the idle rich becomes a disease of such a character that they use force to resist the efforts of friendly efforts to cure them.

Mrs. Baxter is a human mollusc—that's what her brother calls her. Young, beautiful, healthy, pampered, indolent, but withal she is the idol of her family and a source of worry to her husband. Her adoring brother, Tom Kemp, sets himself the task of curing his sister, and, aided by a charming and attractive governess, Miss Roberts, is able to show his sister the weak points in her character so that in a woman's way she restores love and order in a house about to fall.

"The Mollusc" enjoys the distinction of having been presented by four of America's most distinguished actors, Mr. Kyrie Bellaw, Mr. William Faversham, Miss Maxine Elliott, and Mr. George Arliss, and Sir Charles Williams of England.

There are two hours of laughter in the play, but behind each laugh there is an idea, and in back of it all there's a worthy moral.

The present cast of "The Mollusc" is made up of the best class of professional theatrical people thoroughly in line with Lyceum ideals.

Frederic School Auditorium
Saturday, Jan. 9, 1926

1000 PEOPLE HEAR XMAS CAROLS

600 CHILDREN RECEIVED PRESENTS FROM SANTA.

It is estimated that nearly 1000 people attended the municipal Christmas tree ceremonies Christmas eve, and listened to the Grayling band and a trained chorus of carolers, while about 600 presents were given out to the children by the Knights of Pythias.

The band began the program at 8:30 o'clock and continued until a large truck containing the group of singers arrived. The latter arrived from the east, singing "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" and stopped opposite the tree and conducted the carols with the following songs:

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing,"
"Little Town of Bethlehem,"
"Silent Night,"
"O Come All Ye Faithful."

Each number was beautifully rendered and generously applauded.

Then as the carolers drove away the band played softly while from the distant north could be heard the sound of sleigh bells and soon Old Santa himself arrived, driving a team of horses hitched to a large sleigh which was heaped high with presents, candy, nuts and popcorn balls.

Santa explained that as they were passing the Hanson ranch north of T-Town which the Michigan herd of reindeer had occupied three years ago, that his reindeer wanted to stop off for a visit to the former home of their brothers and sisters, so he secured a team of horses and sleigh from Tony Nelson with which to continue the trip to Grayling.

Santa had a lot of help in unloading the presents. Six hundred boys and girls received sacks of candy, nuts and popcorn balls and about 400 under the age of nine years received presents, valued at from 25 cents to \$3.00. There were dolls, red carts and wheelbarrows, toys, games, pocket knives, drums, footballs, and a lot of other nice gifts.

When Santa finished giving his presents to the Grayling kiddies, only about a half dozen gifts remained unclaimed for and these were distributed to the missing youngsters later. It was a happy time for the children and more so for the Pythians who followed morning and after breakfast laid down for a few moments and soon after passed away.

Karen Kristina Rasmussen was born in Denmark and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mads Rasmussen. She accompanied her parents to Grayling from Denmark in 1899, and the following year she was united in marriage to Fred Larsen. To them five children were born, three of whom survive—Alfred, Margaret and Laura. Mr. and Mrs. Larsen resided in Grayling until 1909 when they moved to Johannesburg, the Johannesburg Manufacturing Co. being established at that time and Mr. Larsen is still in their employ. Mrs. Larsen was 55 years, 7 months and 22 days old, and had not been in good health for the past five years. She had hosts of friends in Grayling and was a frequent visitor here.

Besides her husband and children she is survived by two sisters and four brothers—Mrs. Marie Hanson, Mrs. Peter Petersen, and Peter Madsen of this city, Rasmus Madsen, Johannesburg, Johannes of Newberry and Carl of Gaylord.

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Happy New Year!

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Let us all work together for Grayling
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1926.

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**HOUSE BODY FAVORS
SEPARATE AIR UNIT****Would Have It Equal of the
War and Navy Departments.**

Washington.—The special house air-
craft committee, headed by Repre-
sentative Florian Lampert (Rep., Wis.),
agreed upon the adoption of a report
calling for a separate department of
national defense which would abolish
the War and Navy departments as
such, but would not necessarily give
the air service a footing of equal im-
portance. The report further demands
a definite air building program over a
period of five years with an annual
appropriation of \$20,000,000.

The committee also urges the crea-
tion of a bureau of civil aeronautics.
Representative Reid (Rep., Ill.), coun-
sel for Col. William Mitchell before
the army court-martial, who is a mem-
ber of the Lampert committee, will
file a supplementary brief advocating
a unified air service, such as cham-
pioned by Colonel Mitchell.

In a reassuring report on the con-
dition of aviation in the United States,
the national advisory committee for
aeronautics informed President Coolidge
that America is at least abreast
of other progressive nations in the
technical development of aircraft for
military purposes.

President Coolidge immediately
transmitted the report to congress
with a letter in which he declared that
the committee's opinion on America's
aircraft standing, as compared with
that of other nations, was the most
authoritative that could be had.

Legislation creating a bureau of air
navigation in the Department of Com-
merce for the purpose of aiding com-
mercial navigation was urged by the
committee and approved by President
Coolidge.

Russell Stevens returned Saturday
from Detroit where he and Mrs. Stevens
spent Christmas with their par-
ents and relatives. Mrs. Stevens will
return later.

Louis Miller left Saturday for De-
troit and Ann Arbor where he will
spend a week with relatives and
friends.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Ingerson spent
Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Dave
Knecht at Grayling.

Roy Griffin, contractor for the Mi-
chigan stage line, has installed a new snow-
mobile, making his first regular trip
over the route with it Monday.

Mrs. Fred Hartman was quite ill
Saturday and Sunday.

LOVELLS' NEWS.

The Christmas tree at Lovells was
enjoyed by all. A program was given and
Santa Claus was there as jolly as
ever.

Rev. Rice of Big Rock was a caller
here Wednesday.

Loretta Kneppeler has gone to her
home at West Branch for the holidays.

Martha Stillwagon has returned home.

Lewis Stillwagon entertained his
little friends Saturday afternoon in
honor of his eighth birthday. It also
being Ruth's birthday, the older folk
gathered in the evening. Progressive
pedro was played. Alfred Nephew
and Mrs. A. Caid winning first prizes.

The boys and girls' High school bas-

ball teams are feeling great pride
after their double-header victories
yon from Gaylord.

Don Sheldon and Don McCormick
are enjoying the winter in Florida.
Jee! Wish we were with 'em.

ELDORADO NUGGETS

Miss Hester Hanson returned Mon-
day after spending the holiday vaca-
tion with her parents in Marquette.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hartman left
yesterday for Flint to be at the bed-
side of their son John W., who re-
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At the close of the year 1926, may you look back
and say it was "the happiest year of my life." On
New Year Day we should be the architect and,
stepping into solitude, think on the means, the man-
ner and the end. Begin by thinking and we will
end by acting. Thinking and planning is the fore-
runner of intelligent and industrious action.

To plan our work on New Year's Day is starting
something—Starting a year of prosperity; and pros-
perity usually brings happiness. May your New
Year's plans be successful, is our earnest wish.

*Best
Wishes
for
1926*

CRAWFORD AVALANCHE.

**FRANK MUNSEY DIES;
LEFT \$40,000,000****New York Newspaper and
Magazine Publisher Succumbs After Operation**

New York.—Various estimates of
the size of the late publisher, Frank
Munsey's fortune ranging from \$25,-
\$100,000 to \$40,000,000, were made by
men conversant in a general way with
his holdings. Mr. Munsey died of per-
itonitis, the result of appendicitis. He
was seventy-one.

With few relatives to whom he
could leave his wealth, the impression
is that those closest to him in busi-
ness life would inherit his enterprises,
which constituted the major part of
the fortune. His business interests,
though not diversified, were large.
His chief interest was the Frank A.
Munsey company, of which he was
president and virtually sole owner.

The Munsey company was the com-
pany which published his magazine, the
Munsey Magazine, the Argosy, All
Story Weekly and Flynn, a detective
story magazine, which was brought
out only a year ago.

Mr. Munsey's closest relation was a
sister, Mrs. John M. Hyde, at present
in St. Petersburg, Fla. A grand-
son.

Invincible Air

"Well, man's conquest of the air is
certainly an achievement," said Gush-
ey.

"Yep, I posse it is," said his friend,
Weirag, "but the trouble about con-
quering the atmosphere is that the
darned thing doesn't know when it is
locked."—Farm Life.

Might Have Been Worse

Dobbs—The man in the next apart-
ment isn't such a bad chap, after all.

Hobs—Is that so?

Dobbs—Yes. After he had swak-
ened our baby last night with his saxo-
phone he kept right on playing so I
couldn't hear it crying.

Social Position Assured

"I hope this expulsion of ours isn't
going to injure us socially," remarked
Eve ruefully.

"Oh, I think not," returned Adam
calmly. "Nothing of the sort can pre-
vent us from heading the list of the
first families, you know."

The Proper Care of Husbands

"So you let your husband carry a
switch?"

"Oh, just to humor him. He likes
to show it to his friends to let them
see how independent he is—but it
doesn't fit the door!"—The Passing
Show (London).

SPEEDING PARTING GUEST

Hostess—Going so soon. Mr.
Pstunge?

Mr. Pstunge—No. I'm not going for
at least an hour, but I have to begin
to start the engine of my second-hand
car.

Left With Thorn

Talks about the roses
Where the light is born,
When the darkness closes,

Leaves us with the thorn.

Best Time to Call

Bill Collector—Can you pay this
little account today, sir?

Debtor—You call at such inconven-
ient times.

"Well, sir, what time would best
suit you for me to call?"

"Oh, call when I'm out!"

Kindly Judge

"Thirty dollars fine, for colluding
But how did it happen?"

"Your honor, I was trying to kiss
the girl with me."

"Did you get the kiss?"

"No, sir."

"Make the fine \$10."

Vain Search

His Bride-Elect—You're so late we'll
have to postpone our wedding.

The Bricklayer—It would have to be
away. I've been hunting all over
town for a union preacher and haven't
found one yet.

Sticking It Out

Mrs. McTavish—You're as well as
I am and able to be mu-

Sandy—Na, na. I'm a sick mon-
till day after t-morr. D'y'e think I
want to waste a half-bottle of med-
icine?

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"Cows have a strange look, almost
as if they thought. But they don't. I
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done.

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LOCAL NEWS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1925.

Happy New Year to all.

Don't forget to write it "1926."

Harry Helper left on a business trip to Detroit Wednesday night.

Walter Buck came up from Detroit to visit his family over Christmas.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kinnear of Gaylord are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chappell.

Emil Niederer is home from Ypsilanti for the holidays, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Brown.

The Board of Supervisors will convene next Monday, Jan. 4th.

Edwin S. Chalker of Detroit is visiting his family over the holidays.

Emil Niederer has started to cut ice. It is about six inches thick.

Miss Angela Amborski visited at her home in Gaylord over Christmas.

Mrs. M. A. Atkinson and daughter Clara spent Christmas with relatives in Bay City.

Miss Lucilda Collen of Detroit is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Collen.

Miss Mildred Bates returned this afternoon from Detroit, where she had spent a few days visiting Misses Virginia and Helen Bingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCullough are enjoying a visit from their daughter, Mrs. Spencer Hoise, nee Ruth McCullough of Detroit over the holidays.

Mrs. Ralph Routier and son Ralph of Detroit are spending the holidays with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Bauman. Mr. Routier spent Christmas here.

Mrs. Edward King of Flint is visiting relatives and friends here over New Years.

Mrs. Chas. Ewalt and daughter Ila of Mackinaw City are visiting over New Year's with friends.

Miss Anna Nelson of Grand Rapids is spending the holidays visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hughes and family entertained Mrs. Hughes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sayve of Flint over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dorch had the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Ketzebeck of Detroit as their Christmas guests.

Miss Beatrice Trudo returned home Tuesday from Caro, where she spent about ten days visiting her brother Harvey and family.

Miss Janet and Farnum Matson returned to Detroit Sunday night after spending Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ester Matson.

Frank Whipple of Lansing was in Grayling over Christmas visiting his daughter, Mrs. Russell Cripps and family and Miss Clara Whipple.

The regular meeting of the Ladies Aid society of Michelson Memorial church will be held Friday afternoon, January 8th. All members are urged to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fitzgerald and baby of Grand Rapids visited at the home of Mrs. Fitzgerald's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Johnson over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brown had as their guests over Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woodruff and Miss Ruth Woodruff and Mr. Charles Longner of Bay City.

A "Maying" electric washer dispenses blue Mondays; means economy and comfort in the home. Easy terms inquire at Grayling Electric Co. offices, Cedar St. Phone 292.

Supt. and Mrs. B. E. Smith have as their guest over the holidays the former's sister, Miss Eva Smith of River Rouge where she is teacher of music in the public schools.

Miss Ona Lozon who is employed in Detroit visited over Christmas at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Lozon of Maple Forest. She returned to Detroit Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mr. John Brown of Chicago arrived Tuesday to be the guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Nielsen. The heavy snow of Christmas day necessitated that they leave their auto at that place and return home by rail.

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Miss Francesca Failing of Detroit returned last night after spending Christmas with her father, Allen B. Failing. She was accompanied by Miss Margaret Phelps, daughter of S. S. Phelps, who spent several days here the guest of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hanson. Miss Margaret is a senior in the Southern High school in Detroit.

Miss Doris Cummins of Dean street was hostess at her home on Saturday afternoon, complimenting Mrs. Hardin C. Sweeney, who is here from the east to spend some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Brink before sailing with her husband, Captain Sweeney, January 6th for several years in the Philippine Islands. Bay City Times-Tribune.

With no motive power until late Tuesday afternoon and then only at night it has been a most perplexing task to publish a newspaper this week and it was only by working late nights that we have been able to do so at all. It has been necessary to reduce typesetting and presswork to the minimum. We are very sorry to have to do this but there seems to be no alternative. We don't like to ask our always willing and faithful employees to work New Year eve, and we don't believe our readers would want us to do so. We are promised full-time electric service again soon, which will be most welcome at the Avalanche office.

One of the loveliest of the holiday season affairs was a luncheon given by Mrs. Esther Hanson to the ladies of the Bridge club Monday afternoon. The luncheon was served on a long table in the dining room and the decorations were in the beautiful Christmas reds and greens. The table was centered with a large bouquet of red roses while at each place were nut cups, either shaped like snow balls or snow men, a bright red snapper containing a cup, and a miniature candle place card which marked the places for the fifteen guests. The afternoon was spent playing bridge. Mrs. E. A. Mason holding the highest score.

Christmas services at St. Mary's church at Midnight Christmas eve and Christmas morning were beautiful and both were very well attended. At the midnight mass there was a large crowd of not only Catholic people but those of other denominations as well. The music by the choir which is always specially prepared on such an occasion was excellently rendered and as the music resounded throughout the church it left a deep impression upon the congregation. The altars of the church were beautiful with Christmas trees and pine wreaths, and poinsettias were very artistically arranged, and with the lighted candles were very attractive. Rev. Fr. J. J. Culligan had a fine Christmas message for his parishioners, which impressed his congregation very much. There was a large number of communicants at both masses.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Milnes visited in Clare over Christmas, making the trip by motor.

Miss Anna Peterson of Gaylord visited at the home of her sister Mrs. Emil Niederer over Christmas.

Mrs. Marius Hanson who has been confined to her home for several weeks with illness, is improving.

Mrs. Andrew Larsen of Johannesburg is spending a few days here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Petersen.

Mrs. Mollie Johnson of Bay City is spending the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Johnson. Also Carl Johnson is home for the holidays.

A. M. Lewis has sold his drug store in Traverse City that he recently purchased and returned home to Grayling Tuesday. He says his plans for the future are indefinite.

Mr. and Mrs. Lilian Smock and children and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gannon and three children were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Smock of Frederic at dinner Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Bailey and daughter Janice and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hagle and children spent Christmas in Gaylord. Miss Janice remained for a few days the others returning home.

Miss Vella Hermann of Port Hope is spending the holidays at the home of her mother Mrs. Anna Hermann. Her sister Mrs. Ollie McLeod met her in Bay City Wednesday and accompanied her home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Olson has as their guests over Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Lorne J. Douglas of Saginaw and Percy Failling, who is attending the U. of M. The latter returned to Ann Arbor Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelm Raee of Johannesburg and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Sales of Detroit were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lars Nelson over Christmas. The latter also visited Mr. Sales' mother, Mrs. Flage while here.

Mrs. A. J. Pearsall of Johannesburg is a patient at Grayling Mercy Hospital, where she underwent an operation for appendicitis last Thursday. She is getting along nicely. Mrs. Pearsall will be remembered as Miss Maisie Douglas.

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"At the head of all the sciences and arts; at the head of all civilization and progress, stands, not militarism, the One ship drives east, and another drives west, art that accumulates wealth—but agriculture, the mother of all industry, and the maintainer of life!"

President, James A. Garfield.

All Hail and Good Cheer!

The old year closes; the new begins. As we voyage along through life, "Tis the SET of the SOUL which decides the goal.

We farmer folks have much of our future comfort, prosperity and happiness in our hands. Things will be to us largely as our mind's attitude is.

I am convinced of the truth of what

No matter where we are located in

Ella Wheeler Wilcox says in "The Formula of Success."

One ship drives east, and another drives west,

With the self-same wind that blows,

Tis the set of the SAILS, and not the gales.

Which tells us the way they go,

"Like the waves of the sea are the ways of fate,"

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And not the calm or the strife;

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Let's not talk or think any more about being born to poverty, or about "We must creep before we can walk," or "No Chance," or "The world is against us."

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Plan. The more mind does, the more it can do.

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the county; no matter how near the bottom of the ladder, we can hold our way out if we want to work hard enough.

The man who can't get his mind off large well-fenced fields can get.

The man who sees, in his imagination day after day a good barn, filled with choice cattle, with plenty to feed them, is soon going to have that barn and those cattle.

The man who can't get his mind off good fields, good barn, filled with good cattle, set off by a neat house and pretty door yard can and will attain them, if he has the spunk to go after them.

A good living, in a well-furnished home, in an attractive house, set off by a pretty dooryard, from which the family can feast their eyes on orchard, grove, and on broad fields, dotted with choice, profitable cattle is within the reach of every farm family that has the intense vision, the unquenchable yearning, the "win or die" determination to have such.

God does not play favorites to let one family have a nice, attractive, prosperous farm home, and condemn another family on the same section of land to poverty, tumble down buildings, scrub cattle, a barren home and an empty life.

In the great scheme of life there is enough beauty, happiness and abundance for all, if we arouse ourselves and reach out and take these things. These things must first be in the mind.

Led on and strengthened day by day, by the burning vision of these good things that we passionately want and will almost perish if we do not have, they are attainable by each and every man who have the vision, the intense yearning, and the grit and spunk to follow the vision.

The writer can point to many cases to prove the truth of the above assertions, and will be glad to do so in private conversation.

To some the steps of progress are begun by making poultry a larger and a real business.

To others through market gardening.

To others, through a strawberry bed.

To others, through a larger and better bunch of cows, obtained by better breeding, purchase, or both.

To others, by spraying the orchard.

To others by determining to be more open minded, to take in and use better information and method heretofore ignored or scorned.

To others, by shaking off old habits of mind and body, and rising from the ashes of the old to a newer and better manhood.

To attain these better things, one must first want them desperately, day and night, see himself possessing and using them, and be ready to follow the guiding star of his hope relentlessly, never taking his eye from it, willing to endure all things to attain it.

One may have to double or treble his butter customers.

Another may have to improve the quality of his butter, and his care in feeding, and in handling the milk.

Another may have to buy lime.

Another may have to buy alfalfa.

Another may have to keep bees.

Another may simply need to become a better manager of the things he has less stock.

Another may win summer success by winter planning.

Another may get just the suggestion—heeds by a talk with the County agent who has probably been studying that very farm and family, and has likely made up his mind what is the matter there.

The first law of gain is desire.

The formula for success is Believe. You who read this, have seen men accomplish the seemingly impossible.

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VALUE of health may not be reckoned in dollars and cents. Two thousand years ago there was perhaps some excuse for the gastrone; but today there is none. The way to health lies in a balanced diet. Hippocrates, the father of medicine, figured along the same lines back in 460 B.C. He expressed the belief that the science of medicine had its beginning in the efforts of men and women to find better and smoother diets.

Diet in the home today is becoming a matter of premier consideration. Women are taking cognizance of those important food elements known as vitamins. They have learned also, the benefit to the human body of such minerals as iron, calcium and phosphorus.

This knowledge has resulted in the housewife planning her menus with an eye open to dietary values, while is the big reason why milk has assumed such a large place in the menu of the American family. Milk contains every structural element for body building. It is an almost perfect food. Despite the best refrigeration facilities, milk will keep sweet only a short time.

Millions of American housewives have solved this big problem by using evaporated milk, which is simply fresh cow's milk sterilized in cans to achieve keeping qualities and with sixty-nine per cent of the water removed.

Evaporated milk is not the same as condensed milk, although many persons confuse the two. Evaporated milk has nothing but water taken from it and nothing at all added. Sugar is the preservative used in manufacturing the condensed product, while heat only is the preservative for evaporated milk. For this reason the evaporated product may be used in any way in which milk is used.

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